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March 7, 2012

The Honorable Matt Schultz  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 2170, an Act relating to service of notice requirements for holders of a property tax sale certificate of purchase.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad  
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



Senate File 2170

AN ACT

RELATING TO SERVICE OF NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF A  
PROPERTY TAX SALE CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 447.9, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2011,  
are amended to read as follows:

1. After one year and nine months from the date of sale,  
or after nine months from the date of a sale made under  
section 446.18, or after three months from the date of a sale  
made under section 446.19A or 446.19B, the holder of the  
certificate of purchase may cause to be served upon the person  
in possession of the parcel, and also upon the person in whose  
name the parcel is taxed, a notice signed by the certificate  
holder or the certificate holder's agent or attorney, stating  
the date of sale, the description of the parcel sold, the name  
of the purchaser, and that the right of redemption will expire  
and a deed for the parcel be made unless redemption is made  
within ninety days from the completed service of the notice.  
The notice shall be served by both regular mail and certified  
mail to the person's last known address and such service is  
deemed completed when the notice ~~by certified mail~~ is deposited  
in the mail and postmarked for delivery. The ninety-day  
redemption period begins as provided in section 447.12. When  
the notice is given by a county as a holder of a certificate  
of purchase the notice shall be signed by the county treasurer  
or the county attorney, and when given by a city, it shall  
be signed by the city officer designated by resolution of  
the council. When the notice is given by the Iowa finance  
authority or a city or county agency holding the parcel as  
part of an Iowa homesteading project, it shall be signed on

behalf of the agency or authority by one of its officers, as authorized in rules of the agency or authority.

2. Service of the notice shall be made by both regular mail and certified mail on any mortgagee having a lien upon the parcel, a vendor of the parcel under a recorded contract of sale, a lessor who has a recorded lease or recorded memorandum of a lease, and any other person who has an interest of record, at the person's last known address. The notice shall be served on any city where the parcel is situated. Notice shall not be served after the filing of the affidavit required by section 447.12. Only those persons who are required to be served the notice of expiration as provided in this section or who have acquired an interest in or possession of the parcel subsequent to the filing of the notice of expiration of the right of redemption are eligible to redeem a parcel from tax sale. Service of the notice is deemed completed when the notice is deposited in the mail and postmarked for delivery.



JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate



KRAIG PAULSEN  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2170, Eighty-fourth General Assembly.



MICHAEL E. MARSHALL  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved March 7, 2012



TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor